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(54) CONDENSED HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUND

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a new compound that has excellent blood sugar (57)Abstract: reductive action, etc., and is useful for improving such symptoms as insulin resistance, hyperlipidemia, hyperglycemia, gestational diabetes, adiposity, glucose tolerance insufficiency, diabetic complications, arteriosclerosis, cataract, polysistic ovary

SOLUTION: This new compound of formula I (X is a benzimidazole ring; Y is O or S; Z is thiazolidine-2,4-dion-5-ylmethyl, etc.; R is H, a 1-4C alkyl, a halogen, etc.; (m) is 1-5), e.g. 5-[4-(1-methylbenzimidazole-2-ylmethoxy)benzyl] thiazoline-2,4-dion, is obtained by reducing a compound of formula II (R' is a 1-5C alkyl), and then by a photoreaction of the reduced compound, or by a catalytic hydrogenation of the mmound of formula II. This new compound has aldose reductase inhibitory action, 5-

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lipoxygenase inhibitory action and peroxylipid formation-inhibitory action.

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